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PASS: LOUIS NOSENZO - OES/NET

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, TECH, OEXC, AR (COSENTINO, JORGE)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF JORGE COSENTINO, ARGENTINE ATOMIC ENERGY
COMMISSION, UNDER IV PROGRAM

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 4893 (B) BUENOS AIRES 4560

1. JORGE COSENTINO, DIRECTOR OF CNEA NUCLEAR POWER
PROGRAMS, AND SECOND IN COMMAND OF CNEA, WILL BE
VISITING US ON AN IV GRANT TO PRIMARILY VISIT US
NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS, GENERAL ELECTRIC, WESTINGHOUSE,
AND DOE HEADQUARTERS. COSENTINO WILL BE ARRIVING IN
WASHINGTON AUG. 9. EMBASSY SUGGESTS MEETINGS BE ARRANGED
WITH COSENTINO IN DEPARTMENT WITH OES/NET AND INR.

2. COSENTINO IS THE MOST WELL-INFORMED PERSON IN
ARGENTINA REGARDING THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM, HAVING STARTED
WITH CNEA OVER 20 YEARS AGO AND WAS IN CHARGE OF
CONSTRUCTION ON THE RA-3 REACTOR. HE IS THE ONLY
SURVIVOR THROUGH MANY ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS TO REACH
THE TOP AT CNEA. THIS IS NO SMALL FEAT.

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3. COSENTINO IS EXTREMELY CANDID, SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL,
AND IS A FRIEND OF THE US. THIS WILL BE AN EXCELLENT
OPPORTUNITY FOR A BRIEFING OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA.
SUCH QUESTIONS COULD BE POSED AS THE DIRECTION OF
ARGENTINA'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM, THE POSSIBILITIES OF
CNEA SWITCH TO LIGHT WATER REACTORS, CNEA NUCLEAR
FUEL DEVELOPMENT, US/ARGENTINE COOPERATION UNDER NEW

US NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES, PROGRAMS FOR REDUCING
ENRICHMENT LEVELS FOR RESEARCH REACTORS, AND ARGENTINE/
BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR RELATIONS. (COSENTINO MAKES FREQUENT
TRIPS TO BRAZIL TO MEET WITH BRAZILIAN TECHNOLOGISTS.)
COSENTINO CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH USICA WASHDC.
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